



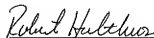
However, Bartl et al. also does not expressly disclose or suggest treating such microfibrils with a compound of formula (1). Therefore, claims 1-5 and 11 are clearly distinguished from the publications cited above and are not obvious in view of the combination of such publications.

The Examiner also rejected claims 6-10 and 12 as being unpatentable over the publications cited and further in view of Perrin et al. (US Pat. No. 4,180,664) and claims 1-12 as being unpatentable over Perrin et al. in view of Gerendas et al. and Bartl et al. However, Perrin et al.'s teachings, like Gerendas et al.'s, are directed to the use of quaternary ammonium salts in treating fibers. Perrin et al., like Gerendas et al., neither expressly teaches nor suggests a method of treating fiber material with a compound of formula (1) as presently claimed. Therefore, the above combination of publications does not render any of claims 1-12 obvious and Applicants request the rejection be withdrawn.

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